



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Thompson et al.

Serial No.: 09/718,059

Filed: November 21, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2124

Examiner: Shrader, Lawrence

Docket No. 10001152-1

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VARYING  
THE LEVEL OF CORRECTNESS CHECKS  
EXECUTED WHEN PERFORMING CORRECTNESS CHECKS  
OPPORTUNISTICALLY USING SPARE INSTRUCTION SLOTS**

**RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION  
(WITH AMENDMENTS)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding nonfinal Office Action mailed July 28, 2003 (Paper No. 4) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendment in which claim 16 is amended. Claims 1-16 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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Inventor(s): Thompson, et al.

Confirmation No.: 9197

Application No.: 09/718,059

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Filing Date: 11/21/00

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Varying the Level of Correctness Checks Executed When Performing Correctness Checks Opportunistically Using Spare Instruction Slots

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")  
( ) Other: (fee \$ )

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: Oct. 28, 2003

Typed Name: Julie Campbell

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Respectfully submitted,

Thompson, et al.

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Date: Oct. 28, 2003